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## TITANIC SINKS

### Greatest Disaster at Sea in the History of the World

Last Sunday night, about 600 miles off the New Foundland coast the largest and most magnificent steamship in the world, Titanic, collided with an iceberg, and sank about 2:20 a. m. four hours after the collision. There were 1310 passengers and 860 of the crew on board, and it is reported that 866 were saved by the life boat and rafts and steamer, most of them being women and children. Eight residents of St. Louis are reported lost, and Col. John Jacob Astor, Chas. M. Hayes, Prest. Grand Trunk Ry. and formerly supt. of the Wabash; Maj. Butt the principal military aide to President Taft; Benj. Guggenheim; F. D. Millet, the artist; Bruce Ismay, manager of the White Star line; W. T. Stead the critic and numbers of other notables were among the lost.

About 9:30 p. m. the wireless operators on the Olympia, Carpathia and other ocean liners caught the distress signal, C. Q. D. and S. O. S. from the Titanic and the message was relayed to the land stations. Several vessels went at once to the assistance of the big liner, but the first one to reach the point where indicated the steamer was in distress, found only the boats and wreckage. The women and children and other fortunates were picked up and returned to New York. The Olympia remained cruising around the neighborhood for the day, but no further discoveries were made. All that was afloat of the ten million dollar floating palace was bits of wreckage, the Titanic and over 1300 human beings being at the bottom of the sea, said to be two miles deep at the place she went down.

This was the first trip, the queen of all the oceans having just been crowned and commissioned to take first place in the nautical world. She had for her chief officer one of the greatest captains of modern times, E. J. Smith, taken from her companion ship of the White Star line, Oceanica, the next largest steamship in the world, and every appointment of crew and means of safety were considered the best. How it happened that after speeding over four fifths of her course under perfect management, she was permitted to dash into an immense iceberg and destroy herself and so many imbued with the idea of perfect security, will perhaps never be known.

The Titanic was 882 1-2 feet long, 92 feet beam and 95 feet deep and had 9 decks, 3 suits of apartments that cost \$4300 to occupy for one trip and a number costing over \$3000 besides hundreds graded on down to \$40 a total of 3500 passenger capacity. She had golf links—tennis swimming pool, flower garden and every luxury and convenience obtainable on land. In spite of all this and the best of captains and crew and known devices for safety in construction and equipment, she is 2 miles under the surface of the deep blue sea with millionaires and men of world wide renown reposing peacefully among the bloodless denizens of the deep.

LATER:—Reports Thursday indicate that 2000 people went to the bottom with the ship. Chas. M. Hays and Jacks Futrelle, the author, are reported found floating on wreckage.

The last report received from the Titanic disaster says 1475 were lost and 706, mostly women and children rescued.

## One Near Indian Grove

Last Saturday afternoon a cloud about the size of a picture hat floated over Geo. Glenns house south of Indian Grove, descended and performed a couple of pigeon wing circles to the left and right and passed on, but when Geo. Glenn and Grundy Walker, who lives across the way looked about them, they saw George's house sitting in a badly racked condition about 30 feet from where it had been a moment before, and Grundy's house skew-wampussed around and torn up until he didn't recognize it. Shingles and weatherboarding were torn off the frames twisted and unjointed and general lopsidedness prevailing about those two cozy little dwellings, besides being out of position by several feet. All this in a moment and by a miniature cyclone, which seemed to have it in for nothing or anybody but these two dwellings, and their owners. George could have "shood" it off with a big straw hat and a Clark for president whoop, but didn't have time to grab the hat or open his mouth. We know how these gentlemen feel by what Wallace Agee said about nearly drowning in the Mussellfork. No particular objection to being blown away by a sure enough hurricane or drowning in the ocean, but to get whirled around by a cloud too small to cast a shadow or gurgling your last in a goose branch is beneath any Missourians dignity.

"Oh wad the powers o' the gifted gie us,  
To see ourselves as others see us;  
It wad fra many a blunder free us  
And foolish notion  
What airs in gait and dress wad lea us  
And e'en devotion."

## Mrs. Bud Bennett

### Seriously Injured

Tuesday morning, while chasing an old hen from the yard with a broom, Mrs. Bud Bennett, who lives north east of this city fell in a such way as to job the broomstick into her groin to the depth of about four inches. Dr. B. Hughes was hastily summoned and dressed the serious and exceedingly painful wound, and is of the opinion that it may heal and cause no permanent trouble. His examination disclosed no rupture of intestines or any other internal organ, tho the wound was very deep. We trust she may speedily recover.

## Births and Deaths in Chariton County During Feb. 1912

Births:—White, 33. Black 2. Deaths:—Typhoid 1, diptheria 1, consumption 1, tuberculosis 1, cancer 3, diabetes 2, nervous 1, heart disease 2, pneumonia 6, bronchitis 1, bright disease 3, accidents 2, other causes 4.

## Last Chance For

### Cross of Honor

The United Daughters of Confederacy announce this the last year that the crosses of Honor will be bestowed. Any veterans of the civil war in the county wishing a Cross of Honor will please apply to Mr. J. J. Moore of Keytesville and do so within a week's time or less.

The St. Louis Domestic club has adopted a rule that all servant girls shall be called "Miss." What good that will do in the many cases where she won't permit any of the family to speak to her at all, remains to be seen.

Take the Chariton Courier—\$1.00 per year.

## GOETZE ORCHESTRA

### TRA RECITAL

#### Court House Wednesday Evening, April 24, 1912

- PROGRAM
- 1 March Col. Blee... Goetze Orchestra
  - 2 Our Girlies Overture... Toboni
  - 3 The Rosary... Nevin Miss Murphy Orchestra Acc.
  - 4 Valse de Concert... Wieniawski Mrs. Leftwich
  - 5 The Puritans... Barnard Goetze-Hill
  - 6 The Evening Hour... Klisoner Orchestra
  - 7 Oh Dry Those Tears, Del Riego Miss Murphy—Violin Obligato Dr. Leftwich
  - 8 Violin Solo... Selected Miss Goetze
  - 9 Serenade... H Strass Richardson, Hughes, Miss Murphy and Mr. Bradshaw
  - 10 Oh That We Two Were... Maying... Nervin Miss Murphy Mr. Bradshaw
  - 11 Medley, National Airs... Moses Orchestra
  - 12 Kay-See-Mo... Wenstein Orchestra
- General admission 35c, children 15, gallery 15.

## Pee Dee Prattle

S. S. Kelso and family attended the funeral of Mrs. John Kelso at Mendon last Wednesday.

Mrs. M. W. Washam of Bynumville is visiting relatives here this week.

Our snowstorm here Apr. 17 made some of our early gardeners feel like taking them to the fire.

James Jackson has sold his farm of 40 acres to William McCollum and is to give possession Sept. 1912. Consideration \$2000.

Walter Martin has sold his farm of 80 acres to James Jackson possession to be given Sept. Consideration \$3600.

T. J. Littler's children who are being treated at Triplett for eye trouble were visited by their mother last week.

Jasper Welch has sold his town property to D. W. Strickler and now the last named gentleman is an inhabitant of our little burg. Consideration \$300.

Mrs. Lizzie Oldham of Colorado has been visiting relatives here several days started for her new home in St. Louis last Tuesday, and on her way to the station received a message that her husband, Benton Oldham had been seriously injured and was in a hospital in St. Louis.

J. E. Chrane, W. D. Johnson and A. F. Chapman representing district no. 58, and J. T. Prather, Harve Jones and Watts Lightfoot representing district no. 60, were at the Capitol last Monday in the matter of changing boundary line between the two districts.

The seed potato proposition is a serious one for a lot of our people. The bad roads makes it next to impossible to do hauling from the railroad, our merchant Ad Embree is doing his best to supply their needs but finds it impossible to do so.

The north approach of the McGinnis bridge has gone down. This bridge being on a main traveled road should be repaired at once and in a way to make it permanent as there has been much trouble with this same approach.

Col. Wm. Willett left for Kansas City Sunday morning to investigate a position tendered him. We regret the loss of such a wide awake business man.

While we don't believe in it, we will bet if women were running the government they would find some way to stop men from smashing windows and hats.

## Fell Dead

Thursday (yesterday) morning about 10 o'clock, as he was taking some stock to Lou Hershey on the Kimball Adams farm 2 miles north of this city, William Webb was stricken with neuralgia of the heart and fell from his horse, dead. The deceased complained of not feeling well as he was on his road to town, but continued alone with his errand, and when just at the north east corner of the city limits, on the road running east from the Wm. Recob place, he was noticed by Mrs. Jule Johnson who occupies the premises, to be reeling in his saddle, or rather bent over as if in pain. In a few minutes the son of Jeff Chapman, colored, who was on his road home discovered the body lying in the road and hastily returned and gave the alarm. A. F. Arrington reached the spot a few moments after Mrs. Johnson, and his investigation disclosed that Webb was dead when he struck the ground, as no evidence of his having moved appeared in the muddy road. Wm Webb was about 50 years old, a bachelor, and had made his home with James Cook, a farmer living about 4 miles south of this city, for a number of years—in fact, since boyhood. He was a quiet, attend to his own business fellow—very robust and strong in his younger days, and until about 2 or 3 years ago, as healthy as anybody. About that time organic heart trouble set in, and "Bill" as everybody called him, discontinued the use of meat and tobacco, of each of which he was a constant user. Still he was troubled and has taken treatment ever since, and as proven, to no final purpose. The body was conveyed to M. B. Hunt's undertaking establishment and held for coroners inquest. Coroner Dr. Tatum impanelled a jury and an inquest was held at 3 p. m. the verdict being that death was caused by organic heart disease, based principally on the testimony of Dr. B. Hughes who had been attending on the deceased for some time. Bert Webb, brother of the deceased, took charge of the remains after the inquest, and appropriate funeral services will be held, tho at time of going to press, we are not further informed.

The contractors have arrived here to begin work on concrete trestles, bridges and cattle guards, the preliminary steps to double tracking the Wabash. The big new bridge across the Chariton river will be widened to accommodate two tracks. It should have been straightened from Moberly to Brunswick and come thru town, but that is now out of the list of probabilities.

## THE MARKETS

Eggs per doz.	15c
Hens per lb.	10c
Cox	4c
Butter	18 1-2c
Hides	8c
Tallow	4c
Rubber	3-4c
Cream no 1	28c
Cream no 2	25c
Beeswax	25c

Look over the Merchants ad. of their Cash Prizes. Don't it look good to you? Come in and get your ticket—they go with every dollar cash you spend with these merchants.

Sam White has been sending out game eggs by the case. Mrs. Irma Goose of Blue Hill, Neb., got "a settin," but that doesn't signify that a goose will set on the eggs.

## Have You Seen Our Houn?

Jim and Lute some times go the rounds  
A huntin of fox with their pack o' houns.  
Bout two weeks since they had a chase  
And every houn was in his place.  
The boys come back, but the houns kept runnin  
Till Jim told Lute he was goin a gunnin  
After that fox—the houns couldn't ketch 'im,  
But if he got sight he'd surely fetch 'im.  
But he didn get sight of dawgs or fox  
An when Jim dont shoot he allus knox.  
In about a week the dawgs come home,  
That is all crep in exceptin one.  
Course he's the best—the boys allow  
They wouldn't trade him for no bow-wow,  
But somethin's happened to this ere houn;  
He hasn't showed up no where near town.  
Jims head's bent left and Lutes set right—  
One ears cocked up both day and night  
A listenin for some yelp or soun  
That might tell when they'll find that houn.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Jas. Balcom left to take up his residence near Peach Ore.

The attitude of Uncle Sam and the Mikado suggested the "Bunny Hug."

Hon. R. W. Rueker went to Kansas City Wednesday on legal business.

Mrs. Dr. B. Hughes returned yesterday from a visit to Kansas City.

Name your prayer meeting night and we will know your busy day.

Morris Wheeler, son of Eli Wheeler, deceased, is the dad of a fine baby girl.

Mrs. J. M. Mason and Miss Florence Chrane visited in Moberly last Saturday.

Mrs. B. D. Kribben and sons returned to their home in St. Louis Saturday.

You might get \$100 in cash or a fine piano with your subscription for the Courier. Try it.

Don't try to blow us up with an infernal machine nicely boxed. Our clerk or foreman open all packages.

Dr. H. E. Tatum, County Coroner drove down Thursday to hold inquest on the body of Wm. Webb.

What proportion of our taxpayers get any benefit out of the tariff, we can't say, but, everybody contributes.

Geo. Blakely of near Guthridge Mills brot down 3 hogs for Judge Taylor last week for which he received \$77.20.

Lightning struck the windmill on T. J. Hancocks place north of town last Friday and danced a jig but left the rig undamaged.

V. E. Lawrence of Salisbury has sold several of his Aberdeen-Angus cattle to breeders at a distance. His herd is attracting attention.

## Teacher's Interest

"The schoolmistress is interested in you, dad."

"How's that?"  
"Why, today, after she'd told me six times to sit down and behave myself she said she wondered what kind of a father I had."—From Judge.

## Marriage License

Kenneth R. Rice and Dessie May Brecount, both of Rothville.

## Salisbury Squibblings

Dr. Jennings and C. A. Clarkson, paralytics, remain about the same.

Roy McKittrick left for Texas Monday on a business visit and will be gone several days.

Eld. H. M. Hale received word of the death of a brother in Oregon the latter part of last week.

Several weddings are scheduled here for the near future, but we are not at liberty to go into details.

There was quite a heavy rain here Saturday afternoon, with some hail, but no special damage was done.

A street carnival is scheduled to open here next Monday, but they may find it necessary to wear overcoats.

Eld. Powell of Huntsville has moved to this place and will continue the study of law. He is a fluent speaker.

Mrs. Mary A. Embree was called to Fayette this week on account of the serious illness of her brother, John Ford.

A letter from Ault, Colo., tells of the death of Wm. H. Hart, husband of Mrs. Sam May formerly of this place. He was assessor at the time of his death.

The body of Carl Kressig, drowned in White river in February has been found but was not in a condition to ship here, and was buried at Bunston, Mo.

Mrs. Frank Bittick of Jefferson City known here in her girlhood as Miss Dollie Willit, has been visiting here for several days, to the delight of her friends.

F. Sommerlad of Brunswick has purchased a lot here and will erect a nice residence on it. We welcome this nice family to our city.

Mrs. Nellie Conner has returned from an extended visit to California and will resume house-keeping with her sons, Bert and Neal.

James Pearson of St. Joe, Mo., formerly of this place, died at his home in that city, Tuesday. He was a well respected colored man, and it will be remembered married Malinda Gooch, who survives him.

E. B. Kellogg, the hustling Editor of the Courier was over Saturday and made us a friendly call. He gets up a splendid paper and his ambition is to make it better and larger.

Dr. G. W. Hawkins left for Rochester, Minn., this week, where he will take a ten days observation course in surgery, under the supervision of the Mayo brothers, noted surgeons of that place.

Mrs. J. F. Angle of Oklahoma City visited friends here a few days the first of the week. She was on her way home from St. Louis where she had been called to see her father W. H. Richardson who was seriously ill. She left him much improved.

Clem Brzuchalski and Miss Annie Gunn were married at St. Joseph's church Tuesday morning, Father Ernst officiating. For many years Miss Annie has made her home with the family of Geo. D. Copeland and is well and favorably known to all our people.

J. W. Luck returned Sunday from Eolia, Mo. where he went to attend the funeral of his brother, Ad Luck, one of the most prominent men in the town where he lived. Deceased was a member of the Christian church and died in that faith, leaving a widow and daughter, who have the sympathy of all, besides a host of friends and relatives. Peace to his remains.